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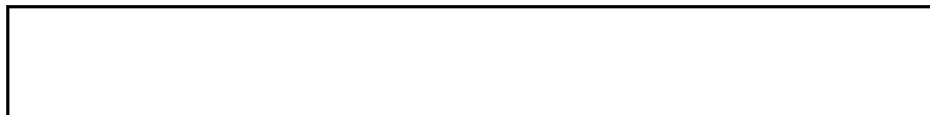
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Indonesia: The dismissal of air force chief Dani on Saturday represents a new gain for the army.

Dani, who was deeply implicated in the 1 October insurrection, has been abroad for the past six weeks on a "diplomatic mission," and therefore not in effective control of the air force. His formal discharge from his air force post, however, is a virtual admission on President Sukarno's part of Dani's role in the abortive coup. Dani retains his post in the Indonesian cabinet.

The army's next target is likely to be Foreign Minister and First Deputy Premier Subandrio. In an attempt to strengthen his position, Subandrio yesterday stated publicly that the 1 October affair was "master-minded" by the Communist Party (PKI) and strongly condemned the insurrection as "treason" against the Indonesian revolution. Subandrio had previously attempted to play down the insurrection as a transitory affair and had minimized the PKI's role in it.

The army's anti-PKI campaign continues in high gear. On Saturday the party and its mass affiliates were formally banned in Bali--a PKI stronghold--and the fellow-traveling governor of North Sumatra was removed from his post. [The military governor of Djakarta is reported to have formally ordered the arrest of the ten top PKI leaders still at large.]

In Central Java--another PKI stronghold--[redacted] as many as 150,000 PKI adherents have been killed, and] some 34,000 are [redacted] under detention. In East Java also, the PKI is being pressed hard by the army and anti-Communist Moslem elements. About 15,000 PKI members are reported to have been killed in one town alone. These figures may be exaggerated, but they indicate the scope of the army campaign. [redacted]

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[The military is, however, experiencing difficulties in financing some of its actions. The army is having trouble finding credit for its projected rice purchases, while the navy is having to take "extraordinary steps" to obtain money for its customary end-of-year bonus payments to its forces.]

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Congo: The cabinet of Premier Mulamba is a mixture of veteran Leopoldville politicians and relative unknowns. General Mobutu will wield considerable authority because he retains the defense and information ministries and reportedly will direct the security forces. The cabinet's effectiveness will depend largely on whether Mulamba, who is an able officer but with no experience in politics, can get his ministers to transcend the regional and personal preoccupations which weakened previous governments.

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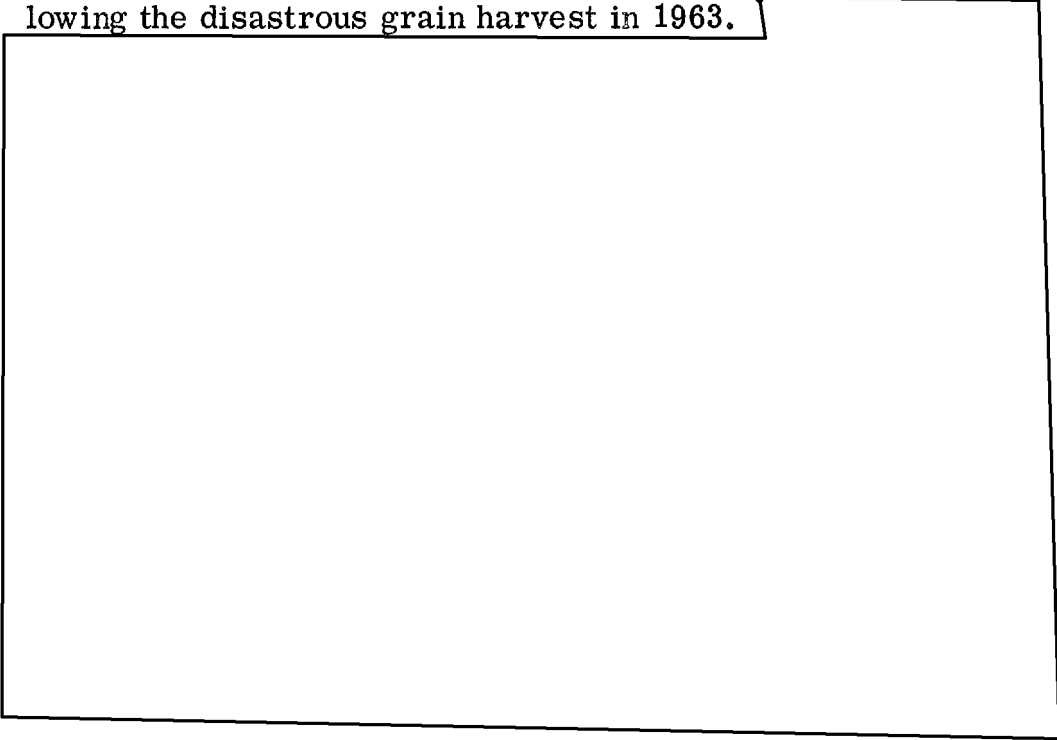
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Dahomey: Vice President Ahomadegbe appears to have won the first round of his struggle with President Apithy, but Apithy has indicated that Ahomadegbe will have to use force to remove him. In his bid to abolish the dual-executive system, Ahomadegbe has lined up the support of parliament, the ruling party, the youth group, the news media, the gendarmerie, and presumably the essential support of ex-President Maga's followers. However, the army is keeping its freedom of action, apparently to permit Chief of Staff Soglo to intervene if he sees an opportunity to further his own chances.

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USSR: Soviet officials attribute the current outbreak of hoof and mouth disease to Asian 1 virus, a strain new to the USSR that entered the country through the Near East. Vaccines on hand are ineffective and the USSR is unable to import or to manufacture rapidly the large amounts of the vaccine needed to control the spread of this virus. According to these officials the outbreak will severely curtail the production of milk and meat--particularly pork--which have never recovered from the wholesale reduction in livestock following the disastrous grain harvest in 1963.



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